



What to Report to the State EOC

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The State Emergency Operations Center serves as the coordination point for the State-level response to emergencies and disaster. In order for the State EOC to effectively support the county EMAs, we must be aware of incidents as they occur. This is not so that we may interfere in the business of local public safety, we know that disasters begin and end locally, but to allow the State to prepare and be ready to provide support when it is requested. In addition, as incidents develop at the local level, there are often requests for information from several of our key State and Federal partners. WebEOC has streamlined both the process of reporting information with the State EOC, as well as the process of sharing real-time information across multiple jurisdictions and levels of government. It is through dynamic collaboration and cooperation between all of our local, State, and Federal partners that we ensure a timely response to all-hazard incidents, both natural and man-made, across the State of Indiana. The purpose of this document is to request that all of our homeland security partners report certain kinds of incidents to the State EOC, in order to facilitate a more effective response, and increased level of protection for the citizens of Indiana.

While the State EOC appreciates all information sharing, the types of incidents that are of particular interest include:

- Damage caused by severe weather
- Incidents involving interstate closures
- Incidents requiring an investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
- Working hazmat incident
- Large fires involving more than one department
- Unknown substance calls, particularly to schools, government facilities, etc.
- Any bomb or EOD activity
- Active shooter incidents
- Serious injury or death of an public safety personnel
- Dam or levee problems/issues
- Industrial accidents
- Explosions of any kind
- Hazardous radiation incident
- Search and rescue operations (Amber Alerts/Silver Alerts)
- Structural collapses
- Train derailments
- Major Water main break which results in widespread outages
- Gas main breaks/ruptures which results in widespread outages
- Major electrical power interruptions

Information may be reported to the State EOC Watch Desk by:



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- Telephone at 1-800-669-7362 (EX 1)
- 800 MHz or 155 MHz radio
- Email to either Watchdesk@dhs.in.gov or EOCManager@dhs.in.gov
- Posting an entry in WebEOC (for those with access).

The IDHS District Coordinators are also available to assist in making reports to the State EOC. The IDHS appreciates all information that is shared, regardless of how routine or commonplace it may seem. Ideally, reports to the EOC Watch Desk would follow the following format:

- **What** – A brief description of the incident, including:
 - Threat – The nature of the problem
 - Vulnerability – Why this is a problem
 - Consequences – The potential impact of this incident
- **Where** – location of the incident; information should be as specific as possible, and should include, if possible: Address, city, county, IDHS district, and coordinates if known.
- **When** – the time and date that the incident occurred.
- **Who** – the name of the person making the report, and the agency he or she works for.

The State EOC exists to assist you in your disaster or emergency response, when you need it. One way that we can be prepared when you call, is by maintaining good situational awareness, which we can only obtain through cooperation, collaboration, and open information sharing with you.